

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total production of iron ore, its export and foreign currency earned thereby in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether iron ore is exported only after keeping in view its depleting reserves, heavy demand and consumption in the country and after meeting its domestic demand;
- (c) whether there is any commitment on the part of the Government due to various overseas contracts signed by them to export iron ore for the next two years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the export policy of iron ore in order to save the domestic industry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) India's total iron ore production, exports and foreign exchange earning during the last three years are as under :

Year	Production (Million Tonnes) Tonnes	Exports Quantity : Tonnes	Million Value : Rs. Crores
2008-09	215.44	105.87	34036.67
2009-10	218.55	117.37	41794.85
2010-11	208.00	97.66	Not Available

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- (b) Yes, Madam. Iron ore production in India has always been higher than the capacity of domestic steel industry to consume it. India is mainly exporting iron ore fines which are not used by domestic steel industry due to limited sintering and pelletisation capacity.
- (c) to (f) No, Madam. Does not arise.